

served the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA) as a member of its Council, Legislative Committee, and Constitution Review Committee.

During his time as Principal of Rahway High School, Mr. Farinella has coordinated two key programs that have dramatically helped the students of Rahway High School: the Freshman Transition Program and the Rutgers Future Scholars Program. The Freshman Transition Program provides a support system for Rahway High School's incoming freshmen as they acclimate to the differences between middle school and high school. It helps them begin to plan their lives beyond high school. The Rutgers Future Scholars program recognizes and mentors eighth grade students whose parents have not graduated from college. Fifteen students who perform to the satisfaction of Rahway High School and the Rutgers Future Scholars Program are invited each year, free of charge, to attend Rutgers University.

Mr. Farinella and his staff have dedicated much of their time and effort over the past six years to creating a more comprehensive and complete learning environment for the children of Rahway High School. Through his work at Rahway High School, Mr. Farinella has shown students the value of a college degree and created a college-going mentality throughout his school. Mr. Farinella has shown passion through his leadership and vision for Rahway High School. The Tenth District of New Jersey is proud and honored to have Mr. John T. Farinella investing in the futures of the students of Rahway High School.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN P. BULLARD FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, we rise to recognize the distinguished military service and retirement of Brigadier General Steven P. Bullard of the United States Air Force and the Kentucky Air National Guard. General Bullard was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force and earned his wings as a navigator in the C-130 Hercules aircraft in 1985. Since that time, General Bullard quickly rose to vital leadership positions including: Chief of Staff of the Kentucky Air National Guard; Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Kentucky National Guard; and a member of the Joint Air Component Coordination Element (JACCE) staff for the Commander, 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Over his many years of service, General Bullard worked hard to establish meaningful and trustworthy relationships with Members of Congress to effectively communicate the policies and concerns of the Kentucky Adjutant Generals Office. Through his leadership, General Bullard helped improve the lives of U.S. service members and strengthened the national security of the United States of America. We honor his military service and sacrifice that have led to the betterment of our nation.

HONORING 1 OCTOBER FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the on-call and off-duty first responders whose training, instincts, and valor saved lives and prevented further tragedy on October 1st in Las Vegas.

Southern Nevada's police, firefighters, and medical professionals rushed into gunfire, suppressed an active shooter, and prepared the community for its recovery. As bullets rained down and innocent victims lay in need of assistance, crews from Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County entered a situation without hesitation, despite knowing few details about the scope of the attack. Off-duty officials who attended the concert went from enjoying a night of music to selflessly acting under fire.

Amid the report of firearms, the whiz of bullets, and the screams of horror, first responders risked their lives to shield the helpless, provide medical assistance, and secure an area that was the target of an unspeakable event.

Their service did not stop after the shooting. Many went home for a few minutes to change their blood-soaked clothes and hug their family members. Then they returned to a grieving community. Not all of Las Vegas' heroes were lucky enough to go back to their families. Some, like Las Vegas Metro Police Officer Charles Hartfield, lost their lives. Others left the scene with gunshot wounds and various injuries. They were all Nevada's Guardian Angels that night. Those heroes and their family members cannot be thanked enough for their service and sacrifices.

Likewise, our ambulance services, American Medical Response and Community Ambulance, not only assisted the injured on the scene but rapidly transported hundreds to local hospitals. Our two trauma centers, designed to accommodate a fraction of the patients they received in the hours after the shooting, were able to treat a nonstop flow of victims. Our charities immediately set up blood drives and other donation centers to meet the needs of victims. On their own accord, good Samaritans opened their car doors to fleeing concertgoers, turned their belts into tourniquets, and imparted countless acts of kindness in the hours and days following the tragedy.

Through it all we were guided by the leadership of LVMPD Sheriff Joe Lombardo, LVMPD Undersheriff Kevin McMahon, Clark County Fire Chief Greg Cassell, University Medical Center CEO Mason VanHouweling, Sunrise Hospital CEO Todd Sklamberg, and Special Agent Aaron Rouse of the Las Vegas FBI.

These were among the first Nevadans to take action on October 1st. They have had sleepless nights, skipped meals, and borne the weight of the world on their shoulders. Thanks to their guidance and sacrifice, the community has been able to mourn and recuperate in peace. On behalf of Nevada's First Congressional District, I want to thank these leaders and all the local heroes who jeopardized their own lives to make sure that so many in Southern Nevada would be able to face a new day.

They made Las Vegas Strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was absent due to travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and NAY on Roll Call No. 571.

RECOGNIZING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF EMERALD COAST CRIME STOPPERS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the twentieth anniversary of the Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers. This organization is celebrating 20 years of partnering with the community and local law enforcement.

Twenty years ago, a small group of community leaders and citizens attended and formed the nonprofit organization known as Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers.

Launched in 1997, the concept has developed into a combination of efforts by local media, businesses, civic and social clubs, law enforcement agencies, and the public. Donations of airtime, newspaper space, and reward monies have established Crime Stoppers as an effective tool to fight crime in our area. Crime Stoppers provides a method for local law enforcement to receive information on crimes. These efforts increase tips, which in turn increase arrests in our community.

A unique quality of this organization is that it is not a branch of any law enforcement agency or local government, but is run by community members who graciously volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all who have served in any capacity with this very successful organization. The work that has been done by this group has proved to be invaluable to our communities.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers on their 20th Anniversary.

HONORING DONOVAN SMITH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donovan Smith, who is a young entrepreneur and philanthropist, who has made a positive impact in our community through his soap making business.

Donovan came to New Mexico in 2011 with his mother, Ms. Casey Smith, after falling upon hard times. Ms. Smith, a Navy veteran,

had lost her job, and was unable to find employment due to health problems. They were able to find a place to stay at the Henderson House in Albuquerque, which provides shelter for female veterans. After overcoming this experience, Donovan has dedicated himself to helping others.

In 2014, Donovan was able to learn soap-making from his mother as a part of his math and science education. At the age of 11 he started his bath product business at a local market held every weekend. He soon began selling online specialty soaps made from ingredients such as goat's milk and aloe vera. He generously donated a portion of his profits to help fight homelessness.

Donovan has also donated thousands of bars of soap to St. Martin's Hospitality Center, where the soap can be distributed to people in need. In light of his philanthropic work, TV personality Mike Rowe reached out to Donovan as part of his Facebook show, "Returning the Favor," and set him up with a storefront in Downtown Albuquerque to continue his business and charitable work.

In addition to his work to fight homelessness, Donovan has been a vocal advocate against child abuse in New Mexico. He received the McDonald's 365Black Community Choice Award, as well as the Good Samaritan Award by the City of Albuquerque.

Donovan's story is inspiring and proves that with determination, amazing things can be achieved. I look forward to seeing Donovan's success grow as well as his continued efforts to make a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaboration between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Braddock District. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and tonight's event proves that Braddock District is one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening. I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees and commend them for their efforts on behalf of others and in making our community one of the best places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2017 Best of Braddock Award.

Katie Pope—This Annandale High School student has an impressive record of community service to a number of civic, church and charitable organizations.

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)—This organization takes responsibility for supporting all of the numerous upkeep activities necessary to maintain a 493 acre park.

Meghan Walker—The organizer and manager of all of the FLAP activities in support of the Park.

Kiley Foster—This energetic first grader (one of the youngest Honorees ever) has started on an exemplary path of community service through her contributions to her church, charitable organizations, and other service groups such as "Girls on the Run."

Irene Merrill—Nominated by the Briarwood Court Condo Association, Irene has continuously improved and produced the Association newsletter for over 10 years.

Jeremiah Bethea—This All-Conference, All-Regional, and All-State pole vault competitor also finds time outside of athletics to earn service awards from his neighborhood, write for the student newspaper, participate in student Government, and qualify for Math and Social Studies Honor Societies.

Suzanne Metz—This physical education teacher is the organizer of "Walk to School" and "Bike to School" days. She has also been instrumental working with the PTA to establish a summer camp.

Norene Gerstner—This avid gardener has served the Braddock District for 21 years as a volunteer working in and around the Kings Park Library. She has been a leader in conceptualizing and implementing the unique garden surrounding the library along with her "Gardening Friends of Kings Park Library" Group.

Morton Berger—The first posthumous honoree, he volunteered thousands of hours with VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) to memorialize through photograph numerous police activities for the Fairfax County Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2017 Best of Braddock honorees for their tremendous contributions to Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. I also wish to extend special recognition to George Klein, the chair of the Braddock District Council, for his work in organizing this event and for his tireless efforts on behalf of others in our community.

INTRODUCING RESOLUTION ON COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN ON OCTOBER 15, 2017

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, the world celebrated International Day of Rural Women and the invaluable contribution of women farmers.

To do our part in expressing solidarity, I rise to introduce this Resolution to commemorate this every important day.

According to the U.N., rural women make up over one-quarter of the total population and represent 43 percent of the agricultural workforce. They play a critical role in agricultural production, food security and economic stability.

Women serve as the bedrock of society. They feed the world's families. They feed our

neighbors, and our countrymen. They are important role models for younger generations. Unfortunately, despite this, they still face many societal and economic limitations both here and abroad.

This Resolution shines a light on women farmers and empowers them to succeed as entrepreneurs. It calls on the people of the U.S. and the world to recognize their critical contribution and to recommit to reducing these barriers and limitations.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING QUARRIER COOK

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Quarrier "Q" B. Cook who represented the best of our great state of New Mexico. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, a loyal friend to many, a philanthropist, and a dedicated advocate for the rights of women, and the environment.

Q was born in Wheeling, West Virginia to Nancy Fulton and Thomas Moffat Bloch on April 7, 1935. She graduated from the Wheeling Country Day School, the Ethel Walker School, and Vassar College where she earned a degree in political science that served her well through years of political activism. Q gained a passion for activism by observing her parents, who were involved in civic and public service.

Q began her philanthropic career as a board member of the Santa Fe Community Foundation. Not long after, she founded Santa Fe Style, a southwestern home furnishings boutique in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Q helped to run the business for 11 years as store purchaser.

During her time in Santa Fe, Q worked to support nonprofit groups, and cultural organizations, including the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival. Q joined the board of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival in 1987 and served as board president from 2002 to 2005.

Among their many successes, Q and her husband, Philip Cook, were granted the Santa Fe Community Foundation's Philanthropic Leadership Award in 2016.

Q married the love of her life, Philip Cook, in Santa Fe on March 11, 1991. They recently celebrated 25 years together, marked with joy and travel among family and friends.

On May 4, 2017, Q passed away at age 82. She was surrounded by family at her home in Santa Fe after a yearlong struggle with breast cancer. She was survived by her husband, Philip, and three children, Thomas McKittrick Jones, Nancy Jones Carter, and Clarke Fitzgerald Jones, as well as her seven grandchildren.

Q was truly a fighter of justice and we will all miss her dearly. I treasure all of the wonderful contributions she has made to our state. Her memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.